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## CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

David A. Keene Chairman American Conservative Union 1007 Cameron Street Alexandria, VA 22314

**RE:** MUR 5183

Dear Mr. Keene:

This is in reference to the complaint you filed with the Federal Election Commission on March 21, 2001, concerning the Democratic National Committee and Andrew Tobias, as treasurer, Gore-Lieberman, Inc., and Jose Villarreal, as treasurer, Keep Hope Alive PAC and Steven B. Cobble, as treasurer, Jesse L. Jackson, Sr., Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, Inc., Citizenship Education Fund, Inc. and People United.

The Commission found that there was reason to believe that certain respondents violated provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, and conducted an investigation in this matter. Specifically, the Commission found that the Democratic National Committee, and Andrew Tobias, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 434(b)(6)(B)(c) and 441b and 11 C.F.R. §§ 102.5 and 106.5; and that Jesse L. Jackson, Sr., Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, Inc., and Citizenship Education Fund, Inc., violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b. On February 1, 2005, the Commission accepted two conciliation agreements with: (1) the Democratic National Committee and Andrew Tobias, as treasurer; and (2) Jesse L. Jackson, Sr., Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, Inc. and the Citizenship Education Fund, Inc. Copies of the conciliation agreements are enclosed.

On March 9, 2004, the Commission determined to take no action against Keep Hope Alive PAC and Steven Cobble, as treasurer, Gore-Lieberman, Inc. and Jose Villarreal, as treasurer, and People United, at that time. Following an investigation, on April 28, 2005, the Commission closed the file with respect to them. Copies of the dispositive General Counsel's Reports as to Keep Hope Alive PAC and Steven Cobble, as treasurer, Gore-Lieberman, Inc. and

Jose Villarreal, as treasurer, are enclosed for your information. A Statement of Reasons providing a basis for the Commission's decision as to People United is also enclosed.

During the course of its investigation, based on information ascertained in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities, the Commission found reason to believe that the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee and J.B. Poersch, in his official capacity as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(f) and 441b(a) and 11 C.F.R. §§ 102.5 & 106.5 of the Commission's regulations and that the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee and John Lapp, in his official capacity as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(f) and 441b(a) and 11 C.F.R. §§ 102.5 & 106.5 of the Commission's regulations. On April 28, 2005, the Commission determined to take no further action with respect to these respondents, and closed the file in the matter. Copies of the dispositive General Counsel's Reports as to these determinations are enclosed for your information.

This file is now closed and the matter is public. Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. *See* Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003).

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of portions of this action. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(8).

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Peter G. Blumberg

Attorney

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